Damage to Bridges on National Highways

1243. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some major bridges on differents National Highways were damaged recently due to heavy rains and floods;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of such damaged bridges;

(c) the date since when those bridges have been damaged;

(d) the efforts made by the Central Government to repair and restore those bridges;

(e) whether any such bridges has been damaged in Orissa; and

(f) if so, the steps taken for reconstruction of those bridges at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) One major bridge on National Highway No. 12 in Madhya Pradesh over river Newaj is reported to have been damaged between 20.8.96 and 22.8.96.

(d) One FDR estimate amounting to Rs. 39.42 lakhs has been sanctioned for repair and restoration of nawaj bridge.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) As per (d) above.

Marine Transport Around Mumbai

1244. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to start marine transport in and around Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government or the State Government of Maharashtra are not considering to start marine transport in and around Mumbai. However, the State Government of Maharashtra is taking steps for promotion of passenger water transport service in and around Mumbai with the objective of providing alternative means of transport and reducing congestion on the road and rail infrastructure. The State Government has issued No Objection Certificates for playing hovercraft/catamaran/fast ferry service from Gateway of India in South Mumbai to New Mumbai on the eastern sector and Nariman Point in South Mumbai to Borivali in North Mumbai on the western sector.

Block Headquarter with Telephone Facilities in Bihar

1245. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government for linking block Headquarters with telephone facility.

(b) the number of block Headquarters which have not been provided with telephone facility so far, in Bihar, district-wise; and

(c) by when the above headquarters are likely to be provided telephone facility?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) There is no separate policy of Government to link block Headquarters with telephone facility. The policy is to cover all the villages.

(b) 70 Block Headquarters are not having telephone facility. The district-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) By the Year 1997-98, the above

headquarters will be provided with telephone facility.

Statement

District-wise details where telephone facilities have not been provided.

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of blocks not provided with telephone facility
1.	Arrah	4
2.	Bhagalpur	1
3.	Chhapra	2
4.	Darbhanga	5
5.	Dumka	5
6.	Dhanbad	2
7.	Gaya	5
8.	Hazaribagh	3
9.	Jamshedpur	4
10.	Katihar	1
11.	Muzaffarpur	9
12.	Munger	—
13.	Motihari	2
14.	Patna	2
15.	Ranchi	15
16.	Sasaram	3
17.	Saharsa	7
	TOTAL	70

Construction of Bridge on NH-21 in Himachal Pradesh

1246. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision with regard to construction of bridge (neer Manali) and broadening and improvement of NH-21 between Kullu and Manali;

(b) if so, the time fixed for commencing the work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) Construction of a major bridge across river Beas near Manali is at investigation stage. Improvement work of NH-21 between Kullu and Manali is in progress. There is no proposal of widening this section of National Highway from single lane to 2 lane at present.

सरकारी क्षेत्र में कार्यरत अन्तर्राज्यीय जनमार्ग प्राधिकरण का कार्यनिष्पादन

1247. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण और केन्द्रीय अंतर्राज्यीय जल परिवहन निगम सरकारी क्षेत्र में कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन संस्थानों का कब गठन किया गया था, इनका वार्षिक बजट कितना है और उन्हें क्या-क्या दायित्व सौंपे गए थे;

(ग) क्या इन संस्थानों द्वारा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान दिए गए दायित्वों को पूरा किया है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो प्रत्येक संस्थान को सौंपे गए दायित्वों का ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी॰ जी॰ वेंकटरामन): (क) भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण अधिनियम, 1985 (1985 का अधिनियम, 82) के अन्तर्गत भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण की स्थापना की गई है। केन्द्रीय अन्तर्देशीय जल परिवहन निगम, कम्पनी अधिनियम, 1956 के तहत आता है।

(ख) भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण की स्थापना, 1996 में की गई थी। वर्ष 1996-97 के लिए बजट प्राक्कलन 16.65 करोड़ रु॰ है। प्राधिकरण के मुख्य कार्य संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं। (नीचे देखिए) केन्द्रीय अन्तर्देशीय जल परिवहन निगम लि॰ 1967 में स्थापित किया गया था। वर्ष 1996-97 में इसके लिए 12.60 करोड़ रु॰ का प्रावधान किया गया है। यह निगम निम्नलिखित कार्य करता है:—

(I) कलकत्ता-बंगलादेश-असम, फरक्का, हल्दिया, पटना के बीच आई डब्ल्यू टी सेवा और हल्दिया और बज बज के बीच पी ओ एल उत्पादों की ढुलाई।

(II) राजाबागान डाकयार्ड में आई डब्ल्यू